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## Load Up The Kiddies; Whistle To The Pup, and Bring The Whole Family To The Big Fair.

### CALLS CAPPER'S HAND

Sam Seaton Tells A Few Things About Arthur's Guarantee.

Some time ago, Sam Seaton, one of the leading Democratic politicians of the state, published a page advertisement in the Topeka Daily Capital, in which comparisons were made of the various expenditures of this and the previous administration, and calling attention to the many false statements which had been made by the Capital and other Republican papers regarding the so-called extravagance of the Hodges administration.

Mr. Capper, editor of the Capital and straddle-the-fence candidate for governor of this state, published an article in the same issue telling the readers of the Capital that, ordinarily, he guaranteed every advertisement in his papers to be exactly as represented, and with the one exception of the Seaton article, this guarantee would continue to hold good, and Seaton comes back at the gentleman regarding his famous guarantee in the following language.

The figures found on page 3 of this issue relative to state expenditures were accepted by the Topeka Capital as a paid advertisement and appeared in its issue of September 21st. The same issue contained a slur to the effect that the Capital did not guarantee the accuracy of the statements contained in the said advertisement. This was poking into a hornet's nest, as Mr. Capper found when Mr. Seaton stung him as follows:

Topeka, Kans., Sept. 22, 1914. Hon. Arthur Capper, Topeka, Ks. My Dear Sir:—Monday morning, September 21st, you published in the Topeka Capital, over my signature, a political advertisement in the interest of Governor Hodges.

Notwithstanding your invitation extended some time ago, over your own signature, offering your columns to the governor to make any explanation he might desire as to matters on which he has publicly charged you with misrepresenting him, we discovered that your liberality in that matter meant space at top rate advertising prices.

I am not complaining of that, however. What I want to call your attention to is the following seventh column on page 4 of the same issue of your paper, to-wit:

"The Topeka Daily Capital has for years guaranteed the truthfulness of the advertisements admitted to its columns. Today, for the first time in its history, the guarantee is waived on one advertisement. The Capital does not guarantee the accuracy of the statements made in the advertisement on page 6 of this morning's paper."

Now, my dear Mr. Capper, you were not asked to guarantee the correctness of any statement contained in my article. I suppose that no one ever asked you to guarantee the correctness of a political advertisement. If you guaranteed or admitted the correctness of the statements in my article you would be admitting your case away.

I desire to call your special attention also to the fact that in the same issue of your paper you printed a political advertisement for Republican State Chairman Gafford, who appears to be your special spokesman in this campaign. I am only too glad that your readers have an opportunity of reading and comparing the two articles in the same issue of your paper. Most of them will doubtless note the fact that although Mr. Gafford rambles through seven columns, he does not in a single instance undertake to dispute the correctness of my figures and fulness of a single statement I have made.

The real inspiration, however, for this letter is not so much the pros and cons of finance as of "guaranteed advertising." Now, Mr. Capper, there is nothing immoral in my article, nothing to deceive or defraud anyone, and yet you withhold that sacred "guarantee" which you placed upon the advertisements of the Independent Harvester Company whose worthless stock is held by hundreds of Kansas farmers today. Tell me, pray, have you made good the losses of those who bought stock on the strength of your advertisements and your editorial indorsement of that company's stock as a good investment?

You refuse your famous "guarantee" to my truthful story, although you gave the sanction of honesty to the full page advertisement of that "Wonderful Chinese Herbalist," Dr. Lee K. Chin, who recently plead guilty in a federal court in California to violating the federal postal laws, and whose arrest and conviction was brought about mainly by the advertisement contained in your paper.

In the same issue of your paper which contained the Dr. Lee K. Chin advertisement you printed a signed editorial in which you declared that you excluded from the Capper publications all advertisements pertaining to intoxicating liquors and cigarettes, yet in that very issue, on page 9-A, column 7, sixth paragraph, you publish an advertisement for a "Concentrated Extract for making whiskies, liquors and cordials at home," and on January 28, 1914, you published in your Topeka Capital a half-page advertisement of "Stag Tobacco," for pipe or cigarettes, together with a lovely stickpin reproducing the nude bathing girl.

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### BANTA-SPRUILL

One of the pretty home weddings of the season was that of Mr. Dan Worth Banta to Miss Margaret Spruill, which took place at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening of this week at the home of the bride's parents in this city, Rev. Victor L. Greenwood performing the ceremony and the simple ring ceremony was used.

Previous to the ceremony Mrs. Lillian Frey rendered a beautiful and appropriate vocal selection. The wedding march was played by Miss Newcombe, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lura Spruill, while Mr. George Banta, brother of the groom, acted as groomsman. The bride was gowned in a handsome creation of white Crepe de Chine with accordin plaited ruffles. Only the relatives and a few of the most intimate friends of the young couple were guests at the wedding. Following the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served the guests.

Mr. Banta is the eldest son of Judge and Mrs. D. A. Banta, of this city, and is a young man born and raised in this city. Since completing his musical education he has for the most of the time followed the profession of musical instructor and concert violinist in this city, and ranks very high in his chosen profession. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Spruill, of this city, and is a charming and accomplished young woman and extremely popular with all who know her.

Mr. and Mrs. Banta will at once go to housekeeping in the Monley property on East Park Avenue. With their hosts of other friends the Democrat joins in wishing them a very long and happy wedded life.

### MCCURLEY STILL AT LARGE.

Although the officers have been making a most vigorous search the past week, Lou McCurley, implicated by Tommy White, in the murder of Lee Morgan and other a short time ago, is still at large, and there is no indication of his capture shortly. One of his pictures has been secured by the officers and this will be of benefit to them in their search. It is known that McCurley had considerable money a few days before he disappeared, and it is probable that he is far away by this time, but the officers are keeping tab on his familiar haunts, and undoubtedly will eventually effect his capture.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Mosbarger and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete McKechnie autoed down from Pawnee Rock Tuesday afternoon for a visit with Great Bend relatives and friends and to attend to some business matters.

### AXMAN-STOSS.

The marriage of Mr. Joseph F. Axman to Miss Mary T. Stoss, two of the popular young people of the Olmitz community was solemnized at the St. Ann's Catholic church in Olmitz Monday morning of this week at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father Huna officiating and the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride was beautifully gowned in a creation of white brocaded satin, with bridal veil and carried a bouquet of bride's roses, and was attended by the Misses Julia and Celestine Axman, Mary Mather, Mary Stelter, Mary Schone and Herminia Gleisner as bridesmaids. The groom was attended by Frank Axman, John Mather, Max Axman, John Stoss, N. Gleisner and Will Stoss as groomsmen. Miss Annie Axman was the flower girl.

There was a large number of relatives and intimate friends present at the wedding, and after the ceremony and congratulations the guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents where an elaborate wedding feast was served, and in the afternoon the time was spent in social entertainment and dancing. An elaborate wedding supper was also served and in the evening both old and young enjoyed a fine dance in honor of the newly wedded couple, in the Hlavaty hall.

Both of these young people are well known and popular among the people of their community. Mr. Axman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Axman, of north of Olmitz, and is one of the substantial and progressive young farmers of that community, and a young man who is most highly regarded by all who know him for his sterling worth and his ability to make good. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoss, of Olmitz, and is an accomplished young woman who is greatly admired by all who know her and is very popular among a large circle of acquaintances, and the many handsome and valuable wedding gifts of which they were the recipients, speaks eloquently of the high esteem in which both are held by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Axman will immediately go to housekeeping on the groom's farm a few miles north of Olmitz, and with their many other friends the Democrat joins in wishing for this worthy young couple the fullest measure of life's happiness and prosperity.

After the Fair next week the political campaign will warm up good and plenty. Even though it does look all one-sided, there will be something doing, just the same.

A public sale of the personal effects of the late L. L. Morgan is billed for Monday, October the 14th, to be held on the Morgan place northeast of Heizer. See advertisement.

The impression seems to have spread that there are some German voters in Barton county who are going to support Mr. Billard's candidacy because of his advocating resubmission and his stand for that freedom and "personal liberty" which they, the Germans, enjoyed in the Fatherland. If such there be, how will they look at one of Mr. Billard's latest acts, the sending of two car loads of flour from his Topeka mills to aid HIS mother country—France—in her struggle against the German's Fatherland? Inasmuch as our President, Woodrow Wilson, has wisely urged upon all American citizens to remain perfectly neutral so far as the terrible foreign war is concerned—neutral in language as well as in deeds—it is surprising that a man aspiring to a high office, as does Mr. Billard, would do the thing he is charged with.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nichols autoed up from Chase the first of the week for a short visit with Mrs. Nichol's sister, Mrs. Max Moore, and family. Mrs. Moore and the children returned home with them for a visit of a few days and expect to leave shortly for Colorado where they will make their future home, Mr. Moore being employed by the John Deere people in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson of this city are the proud parents of a handsome baby girl, born last Saturday.

### TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

About one hundred teachers attended the first meeting of the county teachers' association held in Great Bend last Saturday.

The morning program consisted of able discussions of the reading circle work for this year, by Elmer Brown, Muriel Hooper, Clara Young, Glen T. Hardin and Louise White. Miss Aletha Bailey of the Great Bend schools told how she got results in story reproduction.

Afternoon, the entertainment program was given and was much appreciated by the teachers. It consisted of recitations by Misses Elva McMullen and Mary Russell, a violin solo by Muriel Hooper and a piano solo by Marion Jones.

At the Round Tables it was decided to hold the Round Table work in the morning sessions hereafter and to have the afternoon sessions devoted to model classes, lectures and entertainment programs. Many good suggestions were made for the later programs.

The next meeting will be held in Hoisington, December 5.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us at the death and burial of Grandpa Saul.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall and Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoge were visitors from southwest of town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benno Schaffer and Mr. Schaffer's mother, autoed up from Ellinwood yesterday morning on a shopping trip and for a short visit with friends. Mr. Schaffer is just recovering from an eight weeks illness from typhoid fever, from which it was thought that he could not recover. He is very weak and it will be some time before he will be able to go back to work.

C. W. Chaddock, editor of the Otis Reporter, was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Chaddock is the Democratic candidate for clerk of the district court in his county and his work of looking after his campaign and managing his paper is keeping him so busy that he is looking for an extra printer to help him out for a few weeks.

### FIVE GRAIN FIRMS ARE UNDER BAN.

Hutchinson Companies Ordered To Quit Business in Kansas For Alleged Violations Of Anti-Trust Act.

Hutchinson, Sept. 29.—The Reno county district court today issued an ouster order against five Hutchinson milling companies because they were illegally organized in violation of the laws of the state. No fines or penalties were assessed against any of the defendant companies cited by the state for violation of the anti-trust laws.

Under the court's order, the five companies ousted from doing business are the Union Grain company, Larabee Milling company, Hutchinson Flour Mills company, William Kelley Milling company, and the Monarch Milling company. The suit against the companies was filed several weeks ago, as the result of an investigation of the methods of buying and selling grain on the Hutchinson grain market.

### MAN BADLY INJURED.

A man by the name of Williams, who has tended separator for the Ed Roberson threshing machine for several years, was badly injured while at work yesterday morning at the Noah Gaunt place south of town. Something was wrong with a part of the separator and he had signalled the engineer to shut down, but before the engineer had time to do so, Williams attempted to throw off one of the big separator belts and in so doing his right arm was caught by the belt and twisted around the shafting, with the result that the arm was badly mashed from the elbow down. He was taken to the St. Rose hospital at once and his injuries attended to and while he is suffering greatly from the pain and shock, is reported to be getting along in nice shape and it is thought that the arm can be saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Pollard came in from Gentry, Ark., the last of the week. Mr. Pollard went to California to look over the country with a view to locating and Mrs. Pollard will remain here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Marshall, and family.

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